

The Y.M.C.A.'s and the athletic clubs are not in the hands of any of the AAU people. The AAU has no equipment of any kind, not even hurdles, track equipment, or athletic equipment, let alone the mere fact that they never develop an athlete because no one is accepted by the AAU unless they have been trained by a high school and college administration. There is no competition among them until they receive a group of college graduates and then there is always some business firm who sponsors that kind of a team. College people, of course, have their competition in all forms of sports throughout the year and then during the summers some athletic club will pick up a star man, like Jim Bausch, or some Olympic competitor like Glenn Cunningham. Cunningham ran this year under the New York Curb Exchange.

Perhaps you know the racket that is employed and I should not go further into the matter. Suffice to say that I am not at all interested in the AAU. I think it is a racket from beginning to end, and I think it profits no one save the men in the high offices who gain their living by levying upon helpless individuals and gate receipts at large athletic gatherings.

Personally I would not know who is heading up the group of anti-AAU followers here in the state. I am not interested enough in them to fight them because I am in the college world and I do not have time for them. My opinion is they will destroy themselves by their own connivance.

Beginning in 1929 I set out to gain recognition for basketball in the Olympic Games. I have all that correspondence in which I took up with the world leaders in basketball the matter of such recognition. After we gained the right to have basketball in the Olympic Games a group appointed me as director of basketball for the United States. So quick was the conniving of this group of AAU henchmen that I withdrew my name rather than to be mixed up with them. I am sending you a report of the Olympic basketball committee, of which I was chairman, read before our National Association of Basketball Coaches assembled in Chicago.

You can see by this that the AAU and its officers had nothing to do with getting basketball in the Olympics; in fact, both President Brundage and Dan Ferris and the other officers in the United States did not know that other countries were playing basketball, and said so in their correspondence.